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National Guard Engineers Mobilizing For Duty

JACKSON BARRACKS – Members of the Louisiana Army National Guard's 769th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Baton Rouge, will soon deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“These citizen-soldiers are about to perform some of the most patriotic duty this country can ask of its citizens,” said Gov. Mike Foster. “I am proud of them and I wish them the best; I know they will represent Louisiana well.”

The 769th is presently carrying out mobilization activities in preparation for the deployment and is activating approximately 500 Guard Engineers to support the mission. Three units of the 769th Battalion (located in Baton Rouge, Baker and Gonzalez) are affected by the mobilization.

Send-Off ceremonies are being planned for Friday, 31 May, for the battalion's departure to Fort Polk in Leesville, LA. In Baton Rouge the ceremony for the battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company will begin at 8:30 a.m. at its armory at 8686 General Chennault Drive. In Baker, the ceremony for Company A will begin at 10:00 a.m. at its armory at 2900 S. Magnolia Street. In Gonzales, the ceremony for Company C will begin at 11:15 a.m. at its armory at 412 S. Irma Blvd. All of the farewell ceremonies will conclude with a departure of soldiers.

Maj. Gen. Bennett C. Landreneau, Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard will be present at all three ceremonies.

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